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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 April 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 14-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 14-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

This office action is a response to the amendment filed on 4/7/2006.

Specification

1. The specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. See 37 CFR 1.75(d)(1) and MPEP § 608.01(o). Correction of the following is required:

Re. Claim 19: The limitation “measuring resistance of the at least one of the plurality of resistive elements” as recited in lines 2-3 does not disclose in the specification. According to the specification, lines 14-16 on paragraph [0024], indicated by applicant, the controller senses an electrical resistance of the electrical lapping guide. There is no such a description “measuring resistance of the at least one of the plurality of resistive elements” in the paragraph.

Claim Objections

2. Claims 14-23 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Re. Claim 14: The phrase “the surface” as recited in line 7 appears to be –a surface--.

Re. Claim 17: The phrase “at least one of the plurality of the resistance element” as recited in line 4 is not clear. According to claim 1, there is at least one resistive element, not the plurality of the resistance element. The at least one resistive element could be one resistive element.

Re. Claim 18: The phrase “each of the plurality of the resistance elements” as recited in line 3 is not clear. According to claim 1, there is at least one resistive element, not the plurality of the resistance elements. The at least one resistive element could be one resistive element.

Re. Claim 20: The phrase “at least one of the plurality of the resistance elements” as recited in line 4 is not clear. According to claim 1, there is at least one resistive element, not the plurality of the resistance element. The at least one resistive element could be one resistive element.

Re. Claim 21: The phrase “at least one of the plurality of the resistance element” as recited in line 2 is not clear. According to claim 1, there is at least one resistive element, not the plurality of the resistance element. The at least one resistive element could be one resistive element.

Re. Claim 23: the phrases “the surface of the lapping guide” and “the surface of diamond” as recited in line 3 appear to be --a surface of the lapping guide-- and --a surface of diamond--.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

4. Claims 14-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

Re. Claim 14: The phrase “placing at least one surface of the substrate against a diamond lapping film” as recited in lines 12-13, “applying pressure to the substrate in a direction substantially perpendicular to the diamond lapping film” as recited in lines 14-15 and “lapping the substrate by placing the lapping film” as recited in line 16 were not described in the specification as originally filed and appear to be new matter.

Re. Claim 16: The limitation “measuring resistance of the at least one of the plurality of resistive elements” as recited in lines 2-3 was not described in the specification as originally filed and appears to be new matter.

Re. Claim 22: The limitation “using a plurality of pressure application devices with plate lapping or using tension with diamond film lapping” as recited in lines 2-3 was not described in the specification as originally filed and appears to be new matter.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 14-23 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground of rejection.

Conclusion

6. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

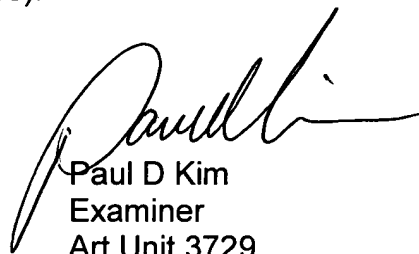
A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul D. Kim whose telephone number is 571-272-4565. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday between 6:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter Vo can be reached on 571-272-4690. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Art Unit 3729